

Khaddam rejects Arafat reconciliation

BEIRUT (R) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam has ruled out any reconciliation with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat, according to an interview published Sunday. Mr. Khaddam told the Paris-based Arabic-language weekly Al-Mustakbal that Mr. Arafat was slandering Syria, which he described as the leading opponent of Israel. "He has chosen a position which we would not have chosen for him. Reconciliation with him is unacceptable," the minister was quoted as saying. Mr. Arafat is fighting Syrian-backed Palestinian rebel forces around the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli. The rebels want to topple him from the leadership of the PLO. Mr. Arafat was expelled from Damascus in June after he charged that Syria was stirring up the Palestinian revolt. Syria denies the charge, though it does not hide its support for the rebels' goals.

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Hani Al Hassan off to Paris

AMMAN (J.T.) — Hani Al Hassan, political advisor to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, has gone to Paris for talks with French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson. Reuters quoted Palestinian sources as saying Sunday. Mr. Hassan, who left for the French capital Saturday night, is a member of the Central Committee of the Fatah guerrilla group, the largest faction within the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) headed by Mr. Arafat. Mr. Hassan came to Amman earlier this month to brief His Majesty King Hussein on the inter-Palestinian fighting in Tripoli, now in its third week.

Kaunda accuses Israel of Nazi practices

DHAKA (R) — Zambia's President Kenneth Kaunda accused Israel Sunday of aggression against the Palestinian people and compared its behaviour to Nazi leader Adolf Hitler's action against the Jews. "We condemn Hitler for killing six million Jews and similarly we condemn Israel, not for being a state of the Jews but for doing on Arabs what Nazis did on them," he said at a civic reception in the Bangladesh presidential palace here.

Numeiri in U.S.

WASHINGTON (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Mohammed Numeiri meets President Reagan Monday at the start of a two-day visit which officials expect to cover American aid and Sudan's tense relations with Libya and Ethiopia. Khartoum and Washington saw the Libyan-backed invasion of Chad earlier this year as a threat to Sudan and the U.S. responded by sending two Airborne Warning and Communications System (AWACS) planes there. They were withdrawn in August. Khartoum more recently reported that rebels based in neighbouring Ethiopia had launched an attack in southern Sudan in an upsurge of guerrilla activity.

De Mita questions Italian role in Lebanon

ROME (R) — The head of Italy's Christian Democrat Party Sunday questioned the stationing of Italian peacekeeping troops in Beirut in the light of France's air raid on leftist guerrillas last week. Party Secretary Ciriaco De Mita backed Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti who had criticised the French revenge raid on pro-Iranian Shi'ite militants for a suicide bomb attack on the French contingent in Beirut last month. "If the government is not able to control our allies' initiatives... the role of the Italian peace contingent must be reconsidered and, with careful attention, the reasons for its permanence."

Turkey sends envoy to Saudi Arabia

JEDDAH (R) — Turkish Defence Minister Haluk Bayulken arrived here Sunday to brief Saudi officials on the Cyprus situation following the unilateral declaration of independence by Turkish Cypriots in northern Cyprus, officials said.

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Israeli planes attack Lebanon bases; Syria reports two shot down

BEIRUT (R) — Israeli fighter bombers Sunday attacked commando bases in Syrian-held areas of Lebanon and Syria said its air defences shot down two of the jets.

Eye witnesses reported seeing one of the Israeli planes crashing into an area south of Beirut after its pilot parachuted to safety. A Reuters reporter saw the pilot of the Israeli-made Kfir jet bail out as it catapulted in a roadside blast, crashing into an orchard just south of Beirut. He was picked up by the Lebanese army.

An Israeli spokesman in Lebanon said Israeli planes had hit bases around the mountain towns of Bhamdoun, Sofar and Falouha in the central mountains east of Beirut.

The raid was a reaction to a series of attacks against Israeli troops that culminated in a roadside blast in southern Lebanon on Thursday in which one Israeli soldier was killed and six wounded.

In Damascus, a Syrian military spokesman said Syria had downed two planes, but there was no confirmation that a second was shot down.

The Syrian spokesman said Syrian ground defences confronted the Israeli jets at 2:15 p.m. (1205 GMT) while the Israelis were attacking positions of the Lebanese Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) in Syrian-held territory in Lebanon.

He said the action prevented the Israelis from carrying out their mission.

But an Israeli spokesman in Tel Aviv said the planes had attacked Palestinian guerrilla bases, including installations of the Syrian-backed Saiga group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

Sunday's strike was the second of its kind against guerrilla bases in Lebanon this week and the third since the Nov. 4 truck-bombing of an Israeli military headquarters in southern Lebanon which killed 61 people.

That day the Israelis bombed

Syrian-backed Palestinian guerrilla bases in the same areas attacked Sunday.

They bombed a training camp for pro-Iranian Shi'ite Muslim militias in the eastern town of Ba'albek on Wednesday. The next day French Super Etendards bombed a Shi'ite stronghold just outside the town.

'Air defences'

It was not clear from the Syrian statement whether Syria used fighters or its sophisticated Soviet-supplied missile system against the Israeli aircraft.

Diplomats in Damascus believe there are no Syrian surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems deployed in Lebanon.

But they said the new Syrian air defence system of interlocking SA-5 and SA-6 missiles located east of Damascus at Dumeir and around the northern industrial city of Homs could easily have targeted the planes.

"At 1205 (1205 GMT) we received information of Israeli planes bombing positions of the PSP in areas held by our forces in Lebanon," the official Syrian news agency SANA quoted the military spokesman as having said.

"Our air defences intercepted the planes, engaged them and prevented them from achieving their mission. Our air defences were able to shoot down two Israeli planes which were seen falling, one south of Beirut and the other in the Broumanna area," the spokesman said.

Syria last reported shooting down an Israeli plane, a pilotless drone over east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, on Aug. 8.

Delta-winged Kfir and green and yellow camouflaged planes believed to be F-16s circled over Beirut for more than an hour Sunday after first reports of the raid came in at 2:15 p.m. (1215 GMT).

The circling planes released hot air balloons to confuse heat-seeking missiles.

The Israelis lost a plane over Lebanon on July 25 last year when Syrian troops shot down a Phantom fighter-bomber with a Soviet-made SAM-6 missile.

The Kfir crashed into a no-man's land close to the suburb of Hadath. The Lebanese army rushed to the scene and came under heavy machinegun and rifle fire from militiamen in the nearby Shi'ite Muslim slums.

The Reuters correspondent who saw the crash from his hillside house said two planes were flying westwards towards the sea shortly after 2:05 p.m. (1205 GMT) when one began to spin.

He said there was an explosion as the plane lost altitude and the pilot ejected. Gunmen opened small fire at him as he drifted to the ground under an orange, brown and white parachute.

The pilot landed about one kilometre away from the plane and military sources said he was unhurt by the gunfire.

The area where the plane crashed is about 20 kilometres west of where the attack took place. Sofar and Falouha are inside Syrian-controlled territory. Bhamdoun, which was held by the Israelis until they pulled back in early September, is a stronghold of the PSP militia.

Lebanese military sources said the planes also hit targets around the towns of Deir Al Harf and the Baalshayb, near Bhamdoun.

In occupied Jerusalem, a spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government said the attack was carried out under Israel's policy of striking at guerrillas whenever deemed necessary.

Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor said the government held "a general discussion on the situation in Syria, its policy and military might." The meeting was held by the ministerial security committee, whose deliberations are secret.

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Shultz: PLO rift will reflect on peace initiatives

WASHINGTON (R) — Secretary of State George Shultz said Saturday the battle in Lebanon between rival factions of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) would have major implications for Middle East peace efforts.

In a speech in Atlanta, Georgia, to Jewish organisations, the text of which was released here, Mr. Shultz called on the Palestinians to negotiate with Israel and urged Israel to change its policies in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Mr. Shultz called on Israel to moderate its policies towards the 1.3 million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

He said: "If their acceptance of a peaceful future with Israel is to be nurtured, they must be given some stake in that future by greater opportunities for economic development, by fairer administrative practices and by greater concern for the quality of their lives."

Settlements opposed

Mr. Shultz, speaking as U.S. leaders prepared to meet Israeli President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens within the next 10 days, repeated U.S. opposition to Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

The talks with the Israelis, which will cover "strategic cooperation," will be held at a time of warmer relations between the two countries than for some years.

Arafat says rebel advance beaten off

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, under intensified attacks from Syrian-backed rebels opposed to his leadership, said Sunday his forces had beaten off a two-pronged assault on his battered stronghold.

Shells and rockets rained down on positions of the Arafat loyalists in and around this northern Lebanese city as the two sides fought with artillery and small arms at its northern approaches.

Residents said the shelling was the heaviest since the fratricidal fighting began on Nov. 3, with up to 40 shells and rockets a minute pounding Arafat bases at the height of the bombardment.

Speaking to reporters at his command post in the city, Mr. Arafat said: "The Syrians and Libyans are trying to advance with tanks and armoured vehicles on two axes, on the seashore and from the east."

"We pushed them back," he said, adding that the rebel forces had lost three tanks and a number of other armoured vehicles.

Mr. Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), has regularly accused Syria and Libya of leading the Palestinian rebel assault on his last bases in Lebanon.

Mr. Arafat said the situation on the ground was complicated, with both sides making limited gains.

"The positions are intertwined. In some areas they (the rebels) have crossed our positions, and in others we have advanced beyond theirs," he said.

The main focus of Sunday's fighting was the Mankoubin area, to

the southwest of the battered Baddawi refugee camp, and the coastal highway outside Tripoli, where the loyalists are facing the rebel onslaught.

Municipal authorities buried the corpses of 40 unidentified victims of the fighting Sunday morning, security sources said.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said it had recorded 500 dead and 1,500 wounded in the fighting so far, but the total was bound to be much higher.

Rebels attacked from sea

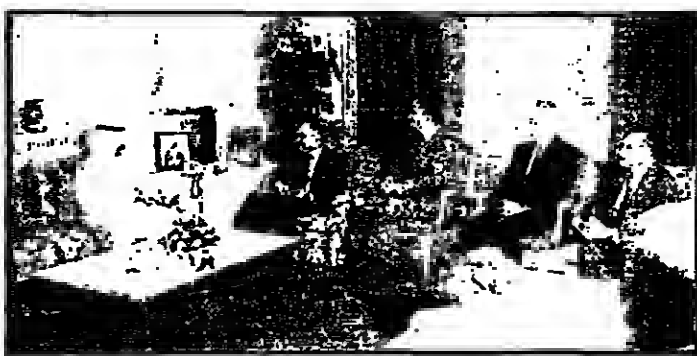
Security sources said the Arafat men, who have been moving their artillery round the outskirts of the city to escape return fire from the better-equipped rebels, had set up a rocket-launcher aboard a barge at sea.

There was no independent confirmation of the report, which would signal a new use for the truck-mounted rocket-launcher widely used by Palestinian guerrillas in Lebanon.

In Damascus, rebel spokesman Mahmoud Labadi said rebel positions were bombarded by unidentified "warships" Saturday night.

But local residents said they had not heard the sound of naval gunfire overnight, when the clashes subsided into exchanges with automatic weapons.

Mr. Labadi said the entire Baddawi camp was in rebel hands and his assertions were backed up by Western television crews who toured frontline rebel positions Saturday.



His Majesty King Hussein Sunday confers with Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz in an audience attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi (to Prince Hassan's left) and Court Minister Amer Khammash (Petra photo)

Nayef conveys Fahd message to Hussein

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday received a verbal message from King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia delivered at Al Nadwa Palace by Saudi Arabian Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

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Israel unveils plan to 'resettle' Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — The Israeli government Sunday unveiled a \$1.5 billion project to move thousands of Palestinians out of refugee camps on the occupied West Bank, which it regards as a hotbed of unrest, into new housing.

Minister without portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat told a news conference that the project, which has still to be approved by the entire government, is the result of more than a year's work by a ministerial committee.

He said the motivation behind the plan was "humanitarian" and that it would "help" some of the 250,000 Palestinians living in refugee camps under Israeli control.

Mr. Ben-Porat said Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir considered the refugee problem to be "vital" to solving the entire Middle East conflict and would discuss the new plan with President Reagan in Washington next week.

A total of 100,000 Palestinians live in refugee camps in the West Bank, Gaza, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. Mr. Ben-Porat said he "hoped Israel's plans would inspire Arab governments to do likewise." He also said most of the money for the six-year project would have to come from the outside.

The head of the West Bank "civil administration," General Shlomo Ilyas, has said that moving Palestinians out of the camps would reduce anti-Israel protests in the area, which has recently suffered a spate of rock-throwing and

violent demonstrations. He favours reducing the influence of outside agencies such as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) which are active in the camps on welfare, health and education projects.

"We're interested that UNRWA leave since they constitute a political obstacle," Gen. Ilyas told reporters earlier this year.

There was a clear interest in maintaining the refugee camps as evidence of the Palestinian problem and this was a catalyst for unrest," he said.

Asked whether the refugees themselves would not resist such plans, Mr. Ben-Porat said he already had a list of names of people who wanted to take advantage of the project.

The plan would involve assisting interested families by providing them with land and about \$10,000 each. The government would also build schools, hospitals and commercial centres.

Government opponents have said that one of the main motivations of such a plan is to gain control over as much as possible of the money flowing into the West Bank from the Arab World and international agencies.

The West Bank administration this year established a special unit to ensure that money coming from abroad was being spent on what it says welfare projects for the Palestinian residents and not to fuel anti-Israel activity.

Gemayel in Beirut after talks with Fahd

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel returned home Sunday from talks with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia on the situation in Lebanon, official sources said.

No official statement was released on the talks, which centred on ways to secure the withdrawal of Israeli and other foreign troops from Lebanon.

Mr. Gemayel, who flew to Riyadh Saturday, was also expected to visit Damascus, Washington and other Western and Arab capitals on a worldwide tour prior to a second round of national reconciliation talks in Geneva.

The first round of Geneva talks between feuding Lebanese leaders this month mandated Mr. Gemayel to contact world leaders to secure the withdrawal of Israeli troops.

The Geneva talks were held under an agreement mediated by Saudi Arabia in September to end factional strife in Lebanon.

Rumsfeld, Khaddam discuss Lebanon

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld and Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam Sunday discussed the situation in Lebanon "from all its various aspects," the official Syrian News Agency SANA reported.

Mr. Rumsfeld arrived in Damascus earlier in the day on the first visit by a U.S. envoy since suicide attacks in Beirut last month killed almost 300 U.S. and French peacekeeping troops.

SANA said Mr. Khaddam had stressed to Mr. Rumsfeld "Syria's firm and principled policy which aims at helping Lebanon restore its sovereignty, unity and independence."

The foreign minister also stressed that Israeli forces should pull out of Lebanon "unconditionally and without any gains to be made," SANA added.

The U.S. envoy, appointed last month, has also visited Lebanon, Egypt, Israel, Turkey and Jordan.

Mr. Rumsfeld arrived in Damascus from Amman at the end of a brief visit to Jordan.

Fierce Iraqi-Iranian fighting reported on Kurdish mountains

BAHRAIN (R) — Iraq and Iran said their forces were locked in fierce fighting Sunday in northern Iraq's Kurdish mountains after Iranian troops launched a fresh attack one month after the start of a major offensive in the area.

In Baghdad, a military spokesman, quoted by the Iraqi News Agency (INA), said Iraq had crushed the attack which started Saturday night, killing nearly 11,000 Iranian troops, capturing many others and seizing vast quantities of weapons.

An Iranian military communiqué, quoted by Tehran Radio, said hundreds of Iraqi troops had been killed in fighting which was still raging west and southwest of the besieged Iraqi border town of Penjwin.

"Fiercest-ever fighting"

The commander of Iraq's First Army Corps said Sunday the latest

Iranian attack in the northern Gulf war front saw some of the fiercest fighting in the 37-month-old conflict.

Another field commander was also quoted by INA as saying massed Iranian forces who attacked Saturday night had been "trapped in an ambush set by the Iraqis in previously selected areas."

The corps commander, said the Iraqis had failed to achieve any of their aims in the attack, in the Penjwin area.

The Iraqi corps commander was quoted by INA as saying Saturday night's battle was the longest night attack of the war.

The agency quoted him as saying the Iraqis had thrown massed forces into a multi-pronged offensive, including more than seven divisions of revolutionary guards, the 28th and 30th regular army divisions, the second brigade of the 21st infantry division, two commando battalions and an

armoured force.

"Several enemy groups managed to infiltrate into some Iraqi positions, making use of the valleys and the thick forests, but at dawn all the infiltrators and other enemy troops were destroyed," the corps commander was quoted as saying.

The area of the fighting encompasses rugged mountains inhabited by Kurds along the northern border between Iraq and Iran.

INA said Iraqi Kurdish volunteers had had been "together with the regular Iraqi troops in the same trenches... they could only be differentiated from the regular troops by their national dress."

Iran launched a major offensive in the area, about 150 kilometres east of the Iraqi oil city of Kirkuk and 300 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, on Oct. 14-21. It was the fourth major border clash this year in the 37-month-old war.

Bonn receives Andropov message on Euromissiles

BONN (R) — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov has written to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl about NATO plans to install 572 new medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, the Bonn government announced Saturday.

A government spokesman said Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Semenov handed Mr. Andropov's letter to Chancellery State Secretary Waldemar Schreckenberg at a meeting Saturday evening.

The spokesman said the message was a response to a letter, Chancellor Kohl wrote to the Soviet leader at the end of October.

The West German parliament is widely expected to vote next week in favour of having 100 Pershing-2 and 96 cruise missiles stationed in the country.

The spokesman refused to confirm or deny a report in the Bild Am Sonntag newspaper, quoting a source in the chancellery, which said Mr. Semenov warned Mr. Schreckenberg that the West "would have to bear the consequences" of deploying Pershing-2 missiles.

Mr. Semenov also told Mr. Schreckenberg, however, that deployment would not cause a rupture in relations between Bonn and Moscow, Bild said in the report Sunday.

West Germany is the only European NATO country due to take the high-speed Pershing-2s, which

can reach Soviet territory in minutes.

Moscow supports peace groups

MOSCOW (R) — Moscow emphasised its support for Western peace groups Sunday while keenly awaiting Monday's Euromissile debate in the West German parliament.

Western diplomats said the Kremlin had no illusions that the Bundestag (lower house) might reject American cruise and Pershing-2 missiles but still saw scope for political capital.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats and their Free Democratic Party allies have a clear majority in favour of accepting the missiles.

However Moscow has shown open delight in an opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD) resolution against deployment.

"Almost unanimously the SPD delegates passed a resolution condemning the deployment of new American first-strike weapons on West German territory," the official Soviet news agency TASS reported from Saturday's SPD conference in Cologne.

Bundestag gears up for debate on missiles

BONN (R) — Government and opposition parties Sunday geared up for a parliamentary debate starting Monday in which Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centre-right coalition is virtually certain to win a comfortable majority in favour of siting new U.S. Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in West Germany.

The debate will mark the formal end of a years-long political consensus on defence issues following an overwhelming vote against deployment by the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) at a special party congress Saturday.

SPD party leaders Sunday inorning put the final touches to a parliamentary motion saying "no" to the missiles.

The radical, anti-nuclear "Greens" Party will also vote against installation and plans protest action in parliament during the debate. But the combined opposition of SPD and Greens is expected to have little influence on the outcome.

The debate is expected to be accompanied by protest outside parliament by the country's huge anti-nuclear "Peace Movement," despite laws forbidding demonstrations in the national assembly's immediate vicinity.

MIDDLE EAST

Tehran claims 14 Iranians died in Lebanon air attacks

TEHRAN (R) — Fourteen Iranian revolutionary guards were killed last week when Israeli and French planes attacked targets in eastern Lebanon, an Iranian leader was quoted as saying Sunday.

Parliamentary speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, quoted by the national news agency IRNA, also said in announcing the deaths that about 30 Lebanese were killed in the raids.

Several hundred revolutionary guards were sent to Lebanon last year to join Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese forces fighting the invading Israeli army. This was the first time that any of the guards had been reported killed.

The Iranians arrived in eastern

Lebanon after Syria and Israel agreed on a ceasefire, but there have been no reports of them taking part in full-scale fighting.

A Tehran newspaper said recently they were giving weapons training to young Lebanese.

IRNA quoted Mr. Rafsanjani as saying an Israeli raid on Wednesday and a French strike on Thursday "only succeeded in martyring 14 of our dear, revolutionary and Mujahid (holy warrior) soldiers who were there

to help the Lebanese people." He said their bodies would arrive in Iran, via Damascus, Monday or on Tuesday.

The revolutionary guards were formed after Iran's 1979 revolution as a parallel force to the regular army. While their main responsibility is tackling anti-government groups in Iran, they also fight alongside other troops in the war against Iraq.

Iran said the Israeli and French raids hit civilian areas, but Israel and France said their planes struck bases used by Lebanese guerrillas closely linked with the Iranian revolutionary guards.

The guerrillas are Shi'ites like the majority of Iranians and some reports have linked them to the

suicide bomb attacks on U.S. French and Israeli military headquarters in Lebanon, in which several hundred troops died.

Iran has indicated approval of these attacks, but has denied any part in carrying them out.

The Tehran newspaper Islamic Republic said there was no difference between Western troops stationed in Lebanon to support the Lebanese government and the Israeli army which invaded the country in June last year.

The Lebanese nation did not need much time to realise that the invading forces had not come for peace in Lebanon but to guarantee the achievements of the Israeli war against the Muslims in Lebanon," it said.

Egypt still hamstrung by Camp David

By Nicholas Moore
Reuter

CAIRO — Six years to the day after the late President Sadat's dramatic peace mission to occupied Jerusalem, Egypt, which once held the key to Middle East peace or war, remains diplomatically hamstrung by the consequences of that day.

The nation of 46 million people, however, sees its coming stint on the U.N. Security Council as a chance to rebuild something of a role for itself in Arab and global diplomacy.

Egyptian media has given special prominence to news that Egypt would dispatch fact-finding envoys to several capitals before taking its Security Council seat in January 1984.

Cairo seeks to show that it will take its U.N. duties seriously. Similar media attention has been accorded to the few, although increasingly more frequent visits to Cairo by ranking Arab officials and to Arab capitals by Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

None of the 19 Arab League members that broke off diplomatic relations with Egypt when Mr. Sadat signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979 has yet restored them.

But less formal links with countries such as Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Morocco have persisted and Egypt has provided military assistance to Iraq for its war with Iran.

Only such Arab radicals as Syria and Libya continue to ostracise Egypt and official sources say there have been discreet contacts with the Syrians through a third party.

Egypt, however, lacks leverage, military or financial, for a decisive role in the power play diplomacy of the region.

Since the peace treaty, the army, more than 750,000 strong at the time of the October 1973 war with Israel, has been reduced to around 500,000. Half of it is said by the defence minister, Field Marshal Muhammad Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala, to be watching the frontier with Libya.

It is beholden to the United States for modern weapons, just as the nation as a whole depends on U.S. aid to help plug a yawning deficit.



Carter and Sadat at Camp David

With civil and military assistance running at around \$2.3 billion a year, Egypt ranks second after Israel among recipients of U.S. aid worldwide.

Anguished bystander

Lacking either the military clout of Syria or the financial power that, at least before oil prices sagged, was exercised by Saudi Arabia, Egyptian Middle East diplomacy is seen as little more than the pleadings of an anguished bystander, say Arab and Western diplomats in the region.

"The sixth anniversary of President Sadat's peace initiative is a fitting occasion to remind the United States that it has as great a commitment to Middle East peace

as have Egypt and Israel," said the English-language Egyptian Mail. It was time for the U.S. to honour that commitment and use Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's current Washington visit to press Israel for concessions in the interests of peace, the newspaper said.

Egypt has itself cast around for means to exert pressure on the Israelis. However, in a sluggish world crude oil market, the Israelis are prime customers for Egyptian oil and Egyptian expressions of frustration have chiefly been confined to the withdrawal of its ambassador after last summer's Israeli invasion of Lebanon and a ban on ministerial travel to Israel.

Egypt voices support for Yasser Arafat as leader of the Palestine

Liberation Organisation (PLO). Back in 1976, when the Syrian army battled Mr. Arafat's men during the Lebanese civil war, Egypt with Saudi Arabia played a key role in restraining Damascus, diplomats recall. But in the present PLO crisis no such Egyptian-Saudi axis seems to have been forged, they add.

But some suggest that the Arafat crisis might hasten Egypt's reintegration with at least the Arab moderates.

They argue that, were the Arabs to split dramatically over Mr. Arafat, the moderates would have nothing more to lose if they bowed Syrian and Libyan wrath and, in a group, formally welcomed Egypt back to the fold.

Egypt's modest world role and, above all the end of confrontation with Israel, at least enable President Hosni Mubarak to concentrate on pressing domestic issues and what may be a developing crisis in Egypt's African "backyard."

Khartoum reports speak of new fighting in the south of Sudan, a nation with which Egypt has a defence pact. Sudan says Libya and Ethiopia support the anti-government rebels.

At home, Mr. Mubarak has stressed the need to tackle a "terrifying" birth rate that adds one million to the population every 10 months. Yet, even now, Egypt can grow little more than half the food needed by its own people.

Tudeh Party members to be put on trial

TEHRAN (R) — Iran's revolutionary prosecutor-general, Hossein Mousavi-Tahrizi, said members of the country's outlawed Communist Party would be put on open trial soon.

The national news agency IRNA said Mr. Mousavi-Tahrizi made the statement Saturday to clergy in the theological centre of Qom.

More than 1,500 Communist Party (Tudeh) members have been arrested since February, official reports said.

Iraqi envoy off to Moscow

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz left for Moscow on an unexpected trip to the Soviet Union.

The official Iraqi news agency said Mr. Aziz would have talks with Soviet officials on "bilateral relations and the situation in the region" during a visit lasting several days.

It said a high level delegation was accompanying Mr. Aziz.

Accounts differ on success of French raid on Baalbek militia

BAALBEK, Lebanon (R) —

French warplanes destroyed a three-storey building used by pro-Iranian militiamen during Thursday's air raid near the northeastern Lebanese town of Baalbek, local security sources said.

The building stood within the walls of what used to be a Lebanese army barracks and the "Islamic Amal movement", which stormed the compound in September, has not let in journalists to inspect the damage.

The sources said the Lebanese army had used the building as an ammunition dump but its function under its new masters was not known.

Baalbek residents said the French Super Etendard fighter-bombers scored at least one hit inside the barracks, though most of their bombs and rockets exploded harmlessly in the nearby hills.

There were no reports of the repeated explosions or heavy smoke usually linked with successful strikes on weapons stores. "Islamic Amal", an offshoot of the Beirut-based Shi'ite paramilitary organisation Amal (hope), has positioned more anti-aircraft guns around the barracks

since the French raid and a separate Israeli raid further south on Wednesday.

The movement, which controls the Baalbek area alongside the Syrian army, has also warned Westerners to keep away from their own safety.

Mousawi refuses interview

A Reuter correspondent who asked to see "Islamic Amal" leader Hussein Mousawi Saturday was told the movement's officials would not speak to the foreign press because their earlier statements had been distorted.

Many foreign press reports have held Mousawi responsible for last month's suicide bomb attacks on U.S. and French troops in Beirut and on Israeli soldiers in the southern part of Tyre. Mr. Mousawi welcomed the attacks but said he had no part in them.

Local residents saw the French raid as an act of revenge for the killing of the 58 French paratroopers in south Beirut, though the French defence ministry said it was a pre-emptive strike to prevent further attacks on its Beirut contingent.

Local accounts of the French

raid have differed widely from Paris versions.

A French defence ministry communiqué described it as a surgical and flawless operation, whereas Lebanese security sources reported projectiles landing west, east and northeast of Baalbek at distances of up to 15 kilometres.

Military experts said some of these could have been SAM-6 surface-to-air missiles which, according to informed sources in Paris, the French task force successfully deflected.

But photographs of the raid show that some of the largest explosions occurred on barren ground close to the barracks.

The Super Etendards, which operated from the aircraft carrier Clemenceau off the Lebanese coast, can carry either 250-kg or 400-kg bombs. The SAM-6 in contrast has a warhead weighing about 50 kg.

The casualty toll from the raid is still uncertain.

Hospital sources in Baalbek said only two people died, a Lebanese farmer and an Iranian, and seven Iranians were injured. Other casualties may, however, have been treated inside the barracks.

Kurdish rebels release 2 kidnapped foreigners

BAGHDAD (R) — Kurdish rebels have freed a West German national and a Yugoslav worker they had kidnapped in northern Iraq early this month, foreign diplomats said Sunday.

They said Kahne Karl-Heinz, of West Germany, and Jusuf Jajac, of Yugoslavia, were seized by rebels near Khleifan, a village some 300 kilometres from the Iraq-Iran border, on Nov. 4.

The diplomats said the two were freed two days after successful mediation efforts by Iraqi au-

thorities, but gave no details.

It was not known which Kurdish group had kidnapped the two men, but rebels led by Masoud Barzani are believed to be active in the area. Kurdish insurgents are seeking greater autonomy for the Kurds.

The diplomats said both men, employed by a sub-contractor of the West German concern Krupp which is building an observatory in northern Iraq, were now back at their company's camp in Khleifan.

Turkey stands fast on recognition of new state

ANKARA (R) — Turkey has said it would not change its decision to recognise the unilaterally declared Turkish-Cypriot state despite a United Nations Security Council resolution condemning it.

The Council ruled Friday night that the proclamation of the independent state in northern Cyprus was legally invalid and called on all nations not to recognise it.

A Turkish foreign ministry spokesman commented Saturday: "The decision of Turkey to recognise the northern Cypriot rep-

ublic should not be expected to be altered by the resolution and the opinion of the Security Council."

Turkey is the only country that has officially given recognition to the new state declared by Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş last Tuesday.

The spokesman said Turkey hoped the problem could be solved through the good offices of the U.N. Secretary-general within the framework of an earlier decision on the resumption of intercommunal talks in Cyprus.

Kuwait gets Greek message on Cyprus

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah received a message Sunday from the Greek government explaining the situation in Cyprus following the declaration of an independent Turkish-Cypriot state.

The message was delivered by Greek Foreign Minister Undersecretary Karlos Papoulas, who arrived Saturday. Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Undersecretary Rashid Al-Rashid told reporters.

Sudan sends more troops to South

KHARTOUM (R) — The Sudanese army has rushed reinforcements to the Jonglei swamps of southern Sudan, where rebels took 11 foreign workers hostage this week, and said the rebels were now being encircled.

All 11 hostages — seven French, two Britons and two Pakistanis — have been released along with 18 Sudanese captives. All were kidnapped last Tuesday night. The Britons were freed on Thursday and the others late Friday night.

"They are all safe and sound and in good health," said a spokesman for the French Compagnie

des Constructions Internationales, referring to the French and Pakistani technicians it employs on the Jonglei Canal project, a major Egyptian-Sudanese irrigation venture.

A spokesman for the U.S. oil company Chevron said the abduction of the two Britons — Chevron employees working on an oil pipeline — was apparently aimed at attracting world attention to the rebels' stand.

The spokesman said Chevron was tightening its security in southern Sudan and added: "The disidents' objective is independence and our objective is to finish the

job."

The new unrest in southern Sudan resembles a bush war fought by mainly Christian and pagan animist southerners during the 1950s and 1960s for independence from the mainly Muslim North, diplomats said.

According to the Sudanese, the rebels are backed by Ethiopia and Libya and attacked the town of Malwal early on Wednesday around the time the foreign workers were abducted.

The armed forces said more government troops had been moved in and the insurgents were being encircled and "mopped up."

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Turkish delegation meets information minister

AMMAN (Petra) — The visiting Turkish press delegation called on Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh Sunday to discuss the Middle East issue and also visited the University of Jordan.

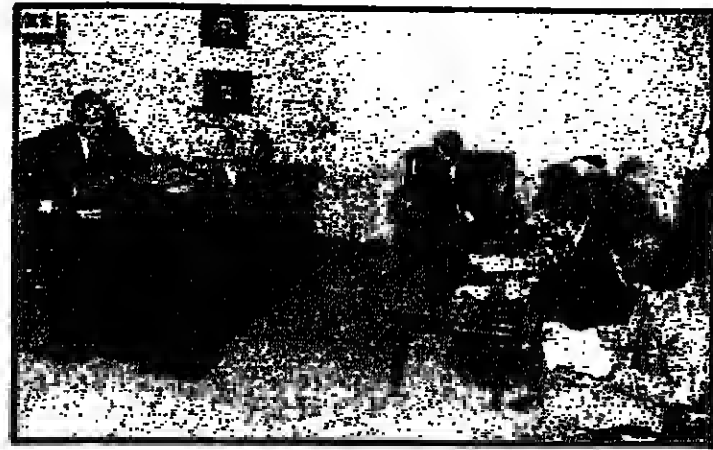
The minister outlined the developments in the Palestine problem and paid tribute to the existing Jordanian-Turkish relations which he described as progressing and developing in the interest of both peoples.

This relationship serves Arab

and Islamic causes alike the minister said.

The delegation arrived here Saturday evening on a five-day visit prior to a visit to Jordan by Turkish President Kenan Evren scheduled to take place early next month.

The delegation later visited the University of Jordan where they met its president, Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali, who briefed them on the developments at the university and in its programmes.



Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh (at desk) Sunday speaks to visiting journalists from Turkey (Petra photo)

Marijuana smokers sentenced

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced two people, Ricardo Usama Khouri and Hassan Farah Abu Jaber, to three years in prison and to pay a fine of JD 200 each for smoking marijuana.

The two were sentenced in absentia.

The court also fined Dr. Adel Abdul Rahim Hiyari and Yusuf Jamil Tadrus JD 100 each for possessing firearms without a licence.

Also 31 merchants were fined JD 30 each for violating Ministry of Supply regulations.

The military governor Sunday endorsed the sentences.

1984 budget endorsed

AMMAN (Petra) — The cabinet Sunday endorsed the 1984 national draft budget and gave it its final approval. The draft budget will now be referred to the National Consultative Council (NCC) for discussion and approval in accordance with constitutional procedures.

U.S. women prepare Christmas carnival

AMMAN (J.T.) — Visions of Sugar Plum Fairies in the form of stuffed dolls called "Sawberry Shortcake", "Blue-berry Muffin", and "Apple Dumpling" will be found among the many items on sale at the American Women of Amman (AWA) Christmas Carnival.

The event will be held Friday Dec. 2, 1983 from 11 am until 4 pm at the American Community School near Eighth Circle. Chairman of the Christmas Carnival, Carolyn Clark, has been busy since January organising the various projects with her helpers. Many of the articles are hand sewn or crafted.

"Not only is there an abundance of the perennially favourite stuffed toys, but there are gifts for everyone in the family and the house, too", Mrs. Clark said.

"In keeping with the seasonal theme of the event, there will be a 'Trim-a-Tree' table, as well as home decorations in 'Deck the Halls'."

Mrs. Clark said that, even though this was an annual affair put on by the AWA to benefit many

welfare projects, other organisations such as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, and the Girl and Boy Scouts will be participating.

The American Women of Amman produce a bazaar annually in December. Mrs. Clark said and the proceeds go to a wide variety of worthy causes in Jordan.

"It is AWA policy to provide goods and material rather than direct cash endowments," AWA Publicity Chairwoman Alma Lou Annab said. Previously the club helped erect and establish a community library in the Souf Camp, she added.

They have also helped to provide musical instruments for the Blind School, and assisted in a kitchen project with the Catholic Relief Services.

"In addition to the more than 14 tables of food and crafts, a unique hand-made and decorated doll's house is being raffled, Mrs. Annab said. "Another raffle will include over 30 prizes generously donated by local merchants, she added.

Mrs. Pamela Dosch, president of AWA said, "a portion of this year's earnings from the Christmas Carnival will go to the Evelyn Khairy Memorial Scholarship at the University of Jordan." The late Mrs. Khairy taught at the University of Jordan and in her retirement was an active and respected AWA member who had a devoted interest in education.

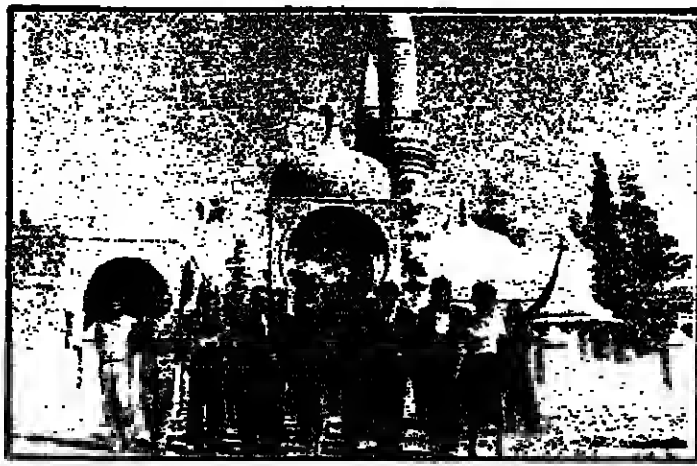
"We are looking forward to welcoming the public and are sure that everyone will have a good time," Mrs. Dosch added.

Two students to get scholarships

The American Women of Amman will hold a ceremony, Monday during which they will award two scholarships for female students at the University of Jordan.

The ceremony is scheduled to take place at Amman Marriott Hotel.

Apart from the annual two scholarships, the society has provided aid to social workers to study in the United States.



Her Majesty Queen Noor Sunday (top) tours east Amman having (below) been briefed on new projects in the area by Mayor Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh (Petra photo)



Institute chief urges Arab action to improve image

By Ara Voskian
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordanian graduates from West German institutions could be a great help in interpreting Arab policies and expectations to the German people. Managing Director of the Institute for International Relations Dieter Bielenstein said here Saturday.

"Jordanian graduates who return from Germany can be a bridge between the two countries since they know us and they know their own country," Mr. Bielenstein said.

Mr. Bielenstein is currently visiting Jordan and several Arab states to submit memoranda proposing new avenues of approach for "rectifying and improving the Arab World's image in the Federal Republic of Germany."

"He has already submitted his memorandum to the Jordanian authorities."

Arab image inaccurate

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Bielenstein said that the Arab image in West Germany is either "unfounded, distorted or inaccurate". Arabs are seen as an economic power because of their vast oil resources, he continued. They are considered as a great

source of energy and finance while people having a disregard for the cultural, political and social aspects of the Arab World, he said.

"We in Germany need more information about this part of the world. The voice of the Arab World is not strong enough in Germany unlike the Israelis," he said.

"Arabs have a message to convey. They have got the resources and the means to do that," Mr. Bielenstein added.

Although the institute is offering possibilities to change the image of the Arab World in Germany, Mr. Bielenstein believes that some initiative must come from the Arab side.

Rectifying misconceptions

He outlined four different ideas that could rectify the Arab image. In the mass media, Arabs should intensify the information from their viewpoints on political, economic, cultural and religious issues, he suggested.

Travelling exhibitions could highlight the successes of Arab countries in different fields, he went on to say.

Queen tours community projects in east Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Sunday visited the Amman Municipality and toured a number of municipal projects and districts in east Amman.

At the municipality, she met Mayor Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh and the municipal council and senior officials, and listened to a briefing on the capital's development projects.

Mr. Rawabdeh spoke in particular about schemes underway for establishing public parks and youth centres. Projects designed to beautify the city, particularly those being implemented at Jabal 'Jafah, the Roman amphitheatre and Sall Al Houryat also figured prominently in his address.

The municipality is also carrying out projects to enlarge and beautify the Amman-Zarqa highway, King Abdullah Street, Al Mahatta Road and will set up a museum in the traditional Islamic style to house ancient Islamic

coins at Mahatta, Mr. Rawabdeh said.

He also explained projects being carried out to overcome traffic congestion within the capital, which entail, among other things, the creation of interchanges, the opening of the Wadi Al Haddad Highway which will link with Abu Nuseir Road and the Amman-Irbid Road, heading north towards Jerash and Irbid.

The Queen voiced her appreciation to the municipal council for its efforts and endeavours in promoting services to the capital's inhabitants.

Following the meeting, Queen Noor made a tour of several areas of east Amman visiting Al Naser, the Royal Racing Club, Al Manara and Al Mahatta districts.

She also visited Al Manar preparatory school for girls and was briefed by the headmistress on the general conditions prevailing in the school. Later she called at the site of the Mahatta Al Fath mosque where Mr. Rawabdeh explained that it was being built in the traditional Islamic style.

The original mosque, Mr. Rawabdeh said was the first to be set up by the Arab army under the reign of King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein in 1933.

The project, he added, is being set up on a 12-dunum plot of land to replace the old one.

Queen Noor concluded her tour at Jabal Al Hashimi where she inspected work on a children's centre being set up by the municipality and other projects for offering local inhabitants social and recreational services.

These projects include the establishment of a public park or multipurpose hall and a children library.

"We are a small institution, but we are well known in Germany, and we work closely with other organisations," said Mr. Bielenstein who is also a member of the German-Arab friendship organisation.

"We owe a lot of gratitude to the Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi and the Director-General of ALESCO (Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation) Muhi El Dine Saher who urged us to continue our work," he said.

Both Arab League officials were invited by the institute. Mr. Klibi in 1981 and Mr. Saher in 1982, to deliver lectures on the Arab League's tasks and perspectives, and Arab-European cultural relations, after which both officials held talks with West German government officials.

Earlier in 1979, the institute offered a forum for the first time in West Germany, to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), from which to approach the general public in Germany.

They invited Mr. Khaled Al Hassan, who is a member of the Fatah Central Committee and also

chairman of the Foreign Policy Committee of the Palestine National Council (PNC), to deliver a lecture to politicians and journalists after which he held official talks with leading members of all the parliamentary parties for the first time.

Mr. Bielenstein is optimistic that the Arab initiative will materialise. "We need patience, persistence and continuous detailed work in many areas of small activities,"

Capacity and capability

"Jordan has the people, the ideas, the capacity and the capability for presenting information on the Arab region in cultural, political and all other aspects," he added.

Mr. Bielenstein, who visited Jordan for the first time in 1981, expressed his admiration for Jordan's stand in relation to the Middle East problem.

"Jordan, for historic reasons, has to shoulder the heavy burden of the Middle East problems. I admire the responsible way the country (Jordan) is shouldering this heavy responsibility," he said.

First Middle East international defence exposition concludes at Zarqa Free Zone

By P.V. Vivekanand
Special to the Jordan Times

ZARQA — The Middle East International Defence Exposition (MEIDE '83), the first of its kind in the region, concluded at the Zarqa Free Zone Sunday.

During the six-day exhibition of defence and defence-related equipment, military delegations from about 10 countries viewed the latest technology in modern warfare and defence. Prominent of the delegations which visited MEIDE '83 were from Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Chile, France and Egypt. Also, a number of ambassadors and military attaches accredited to Jordan visited the exposition, held at the Zarqa Free Zone, 12 kilometres east of here.

Apart from the foreign delegations, a number of senior personnel from the Jordanian Armed Forces also used the opportunity to be briefed on the advancement of defence technology since World War II.

His Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, accompanied by a number of senior army officers, took special interest in the equipment on display. Bernard Buisson, who briefed the Prince on the various equipment manufactured by the French Compagnie D'Informatique Militaire, Spatiale et Aeronautique (CIMSAS), said the Prince had taken a keen interest in the artillery command, control and communication system which was on physical display at MEIDE '83.

One of the systems displayed by Electronique Serge Dassault (ESD) was an actual battlefield meteorological station which helps artillery units to secure accurate atmospheric data for artillery units. Another version of the system, called the Sirocco Station, can track missiles, drones and reconnaissance planes. "The system is indispensable for securing precise data and accurate firing details," James Simouneau, ESD sales director for ground radar sys-



His Highness Prince Abdullah is briefed by Bernard Buisson on an advanced artillery command, control and communication system displayed at MEIDE '83

which concluded Sunday at the Zarqa Free Zone (J.T. photo)

tems told the Jordan Times. He emphasised that the equipment, which requires barely 15 square metres of space, can cover targets within 30 kilometres.

Incidentally, ESD is the manufacturer of the famous Super Frelon planes and Exocet missiles which were very effectively used by the Argentine forces against the British during the Falklands War. Neither the plane nor the missiles were on display at MEIDE '83.

Various other equipment and systems on display included small arms, missiles, aircraft models, tactical computers and radar systems, machine guns, grenades and rockets, training equipment, military clothing and shoes.

The Chilean company Cardoen exhibited cluster bombers of the type used by the Israelis in their invasion of Lebanon in 1981.

The most outstanding item displayed by Singapore was the "lightest machinegun" in the world, Ultimax 1100. A spokesman for the company said Ultimax 100 is the most cost-effective machinegun

which requires the minimum of field maintenance. Forty-one companies from all over the world participated in MEIDE '83 and some of the participants were of the view that lack of adequate publicity on the international level was one of the major reasons for the limited number of foreign delegations which visited MEIDE '83. However, they commented that since such an event is being held in Jordan for the first time ever, the exhibition was, on the whole, "a satisfactory affair."

John Marshall, official show manager for MEIDE '83, commented: "We are all learning from this experience... the Jordanian authorities, the Free Zone administration, customs authorities."

"Considering the fact that being host to such an event is the first experience for the country, it is most remarkable that we found the enthusiasm and co-operation highly appreciable."

Mr. Marshall also cited the absence of aircraft at MEIDE '83 also contributed to the lesser-than

expected attendance. It was originally planned to hold the exhibition at the old airport at Marqah, but certain technicalities and the fact that Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airlines, needed the old airport's facilities forced MEIDE '83 to be relocated at the Zarqa Free Zone. Mr. Marshall said. He stressed that had the location been the original one, there would have been aircraft and demonstrations which would have attracted many more foreign delegations.

He also asserted that MEIDE '83 was of special benefit to the Jordanian Armed Forces. A large number of senior army officers, divisional commanders and soldiers visited the exhibition and were keen to obtain detailed information on the equipment. Mr. Marshall said.

"We were a bit disappointed that His Majesty (King Hussein) and (Lt.-Gen.) Sharif Zaid (Jbn Shaker) could not visit the exhibition due to other pressing matters," Mr. Marshall said. "But then, we realise, running a country is more important."

RSS seminar concluded

AMMAN (J.T.) — An eight-day training course on non-destructive testing of metals and machinery using ultra sound ended at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Sunday.

The course was organised in cooperation with the Swiss government-run Material Testing Laboratories (EMPA).

Addressing the closing session, Engineer Ali Ajlout, of the RSS's Mechanical Engineering Department said that the course was designed to improve the performance of technicians and other staff employed by companies, factories and public and private organisations in Jordan and to help introduce modern technology in Jordan to help promote the country's development projects.

The course was aimed at ori-

entating technicians on new methods of testing concrete, plastics, metal substances, welding, and machinery in general with the purpose of discovering any defects and faulty parts. Mr. Ajlout said.

He added that the discovery of faults helps the engineer to avert future danger and potential breakdowns in the machinery. It is therefore an essential task for industrial safety, he said.

Altogether 20 engineers from the Civil Aviation Authority, the Aqaba Railway Corporation, the Jordan Phosphates Mines Company, the Jordan Fertiliser Industry Company, the Jordan Electricity Authority, the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University, Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline and the Arab Potash Company took part in the course.

Top American pianist to star in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — Mary Stanton, the internationally acclaimed concert pianist and chamber musician, will hold two public concerts here at the invitation of the United States Information Service (the American Centre).

All proceeds from these performances will be donated to the Council of International Programmes (CIP) for social workers, Jordan chapter.

The CIP is a private voluntary organisation that sponsors cultural and professional exchange programmes in the fields of social work and special education. Ms. Stanton was born in Baltimore, Maryland and graduated from the Peabody Conservatory of Music under the guidance of Walter Hautzig.

She continued her studies in

Munich, Salzburg and New York under such piano masters as Paul Badura-Skoda and Sascha Gornitzki.

Mary Stanton's New York debut in 1981 was a tremendous success, according to a spokesman for the American Centre. Since then, she has held concerts throughout the United States, Western Europe, Asia and South America.

She has also performed on radio and television in several European and Asian countries.

Ms. Stanton's two concerts here will be held at the Royal Cultural Centre on Nov. 22 and 23 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Royal Cultural Centre, and at the American Centre, Amman, Third Circle. Ticket price: JD 2.

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Dome cast on JD 4m mosque in Abdali area

AMMAN (Petra) — A ceremony for casting the dome of the King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Martyr's Complex took place here in Abdali Sunday.

Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif made a speech on the occasion in which he praised the efforts and skills of the local engineers who are building the complex.

The project is being set up on a 1,700 square metre area and is expected to cost JD 4 million, the minister said.

He added that the complex will include: A mosque, accommodating nearly 3,000 male worshippers with a separate quar-

ter for female worshippers of a 350 capacity, an octagon-shaped 60 metre high minaret, a royal dais, a school for teaching Koranic studies, a staff room and two separate flats.

It will also hold a 750-capacity conference hall, a library, a car park for 180 cars and offices for the clergy.

According to the minister, locally produced materials are being employed in the construction of the complex whose interior will be decorated with Islamic-style frescoes and artistic designs.

He said that the project is expected to be completed in March 1985.

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Tito's memory still hangs over Yugoslav islands

By Richard Balmforth
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BRIONI, YUGOSLAVIA — More than three years after the death of Yugoslavia's President Tito, the islands of Brioni still bear his personal stamp and testify to his legendary love of the good life.

Yacht and speed launches bob gently at anchor. Hotels and official residences are kept spotlessly clean as if "start" — the old man — might suddenly reappear.

On the island of Vanga, which Tito made his own, soldiers patrol with the vigilance of a praetorian guard who have not been told their master is dead.

President Tito died in May, 1981, but only now is Yugoslavia's tourist board drawing up tentative plans in line with a law to make the islands a national park and open them up to tourism.

But there are signs that not all members of the Yugoslav ruling elite, nostalgic for the good old days, go along with the idea.

Now, as in Tito's day, these islands remain out of bounds to all but the highest officials and their families, with the only other exceptions being visiting dignitaries.

President Tito converted Veliki Brion, the archipelago's main island, from a bare and war-torn landscape flattened by allied air bombing into an idyllic setting for wildlife and exotic shrubs and trees.

On Vanga, lobsters cling to the jetty side in crystal-clear waters where mass fishing is unknown.

President Tito's ranch-style house, complete with a workshop and a photographic laboratory

where he indulged two personal hobbies, is set in the midst of the mandarin orchard he tended himself.

Seen from the tranquillity of these islands, the economic problems of Yugoslavia seem to belong to another country.

It is the perfect place for a harassed Yugoslav bank director to forget his internal liquidity problems or a factory boss the nightmare of unworkable five-year plans.

Apart from his residence on Vanga, President Tito maintained an official residence on Veliki Brion called the White Villa.

Other residences on the island were put at the disposal of visiting statesmen entertained by President Tito during 40 years of rule that were marked by a high profile on the world scene.

In his twilight years, the late president spent more than six months of every year on Brioni, indicating the supreme confidence he had in his political authority in the country.

In a way, present-day Yugoslavia was as much decided by events on Brioni as it was by those in the capital, Belgrade.

A meeting here between President Tito, India's Prime Minister Jawaharal Nehru and Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser laid the basis of the Non-Aligned Movement, membership of which is still the cornerstone of Belgrade's foreign policy.

Soviet President Nikita Khrushchev visited here secretly to test President Tito's reaction to the impending Soviet intervention in Hungary in 1956.

In all more than 70 statesmen

including the Kremlin's Leonid Brezhnev and China's Hua Guofeng were guests here.

Sometimes President Tito summoned the entire Communist Party leadership to join him. One such meeting of the central committee in 1966 signalled the political downfall of Vice-President and State Security Chief Aleksandar Rankovic, Mr. Tito's one-time heir apparent.

Opening up the islands to tourism makes economic sense. According to officials, their maintenance today costs \$1.2 million per year, making it a fair-sized overhead for a country short of hard cash.

President Tito's residences would be converted gradually into museums and daily excursions to



Marshal Tito with Egypt's Gamal Abdul Nasser (left) and India's Jawaharal Nehru (right) during a meeting at Brioni (File photo)

the islands would be organised from the mainland, they said.

Most curious for the visitor is the elaborate defence screen around the island which, with Mr.

Tito dead, seems an anachronism.

There are still believed to be anti-aircraft batteries on the island, put there to protect against a

possible attempt on Mr. Tito's life from the air. Navy gunboats still patrol the waters off Brioni and soldiers tell visitors that swimming is prohibited on the island.

Soviets enjoy a new kind of tea



Hand-picked leaves are believed to be the best in quality (TASS photo).

TBILISI, Georgia — A new sort of tea bush, "Kolkhida" (colchis), was bred in Georgia (Soviet Republic in Transcaucasia), at the Chakva branch of the All-Union Research and Production Association of Tea and Sub-Tropical Cereals, by researchers Mikhail Kolesnikov and Tatyana Mutovkina.

The plantation of the vegetatively reproduced "Kolkhida" tea bushes yields up to 17 tons of quality tea leaves per hectare — 60 per cent more than the traditional sorts.

The new sort is characterised by the early leaf growth, the continuous vegetation period and simultaneous ripening of leaves,

which is important where labour productivity in harvesting is concerned.

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Last year the Chakva centre have produced 360 thousand saplings of Kolkhida tea bushes, and this year they are to grow 380,000 plants. The new sort is to take up considerable areas on the existing plantations. — TASS feature

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Once in the office, you go on your way doing your business, and the incident is forgotten. Later, you go back to your car and you are surprised to see two young men sitting on the bonnet, carrying books and smoking.

You open the door and start the engine, thinking that they would leave; but no, they continue their smoking as though they haven't seen you. You start to think that this just is not your day.

You leave the car, frowning, and tell them: "Would you please go." "Why sure, honey, as soon as we finish our cigarette."

This is when you get furious. You look at them straight in the face and tell them: "You either leave or I'll start my car and drive off and I couldn't care less if you end up in pieces." You get into your car and the two youths leave, happy to have made you mad and within your earshot they say something obscene.

You feel like crying because you are so mad. How can one protect oneself from rudeness on the streets. If it is of any consolation to you, the other day when I was driving something struck me on my left cheek — a raw egg. I stopped my car and got out with hair soaked with egg yolk, feeling criminal instincts.

When I caught the culprit, I was surprised to find that it was a 6 or 7 year-old boy who told me that he did it just for fun.

Undoubtedly the older ones are getting smaller, and small boys are becoming precocious, this season.

Movie business hits new high

WASHINGTON — The movie business hit a record \$1.5 billion in box office receipts in the United States in the summer of 1983, up eight per cent over last summer's \$1.39 billion.

The top money-making film, Return of the Jedi (the third "Star Wars" space adventure), grossed almost \$250 million.

Other popular films included: Flashdance, a romantic musical, which earned \$87.5 million; the comedy Trading Places, which grossed \$80.6 million; WarGames, a high-technology adventure movie, \$68.2 million; Octopussy, a James Bond spy thriller, \$62.9 million; and Superman III, the third in the film series about the mythical superhero, \$62.5 million. — USA.

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SPORTS

Wihdat beats Offenbach in friendly soccer match

By Salameh Ne'matt
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan's Wihdat soccer team Sunday beat West Germany's Offenbach 2-1 in a friendly match held here at the Sport City stadium. The first goal of the match was scored by Offenbach's Rudel Folter after a good tussle with Wihdat's defence. The equalising goal came by a penalty kick scored by Wihdat's Walid Qandil, and the last goal scored by Walid Khass after a miraculous pass from Omar Salameh.

For over 30 minutes, Offenbach maintained pressure over Wihdat through carefully organised attacks while Wihdat launching aimless attacks. Later in the first half, both teams took turns threatening each other's nets.

One of the noticed players of Wihdat was Ghassan Juma who threatened Offenbach's goalkeeper more than once with his spectacular penetration of defence and strong long range strikes that found no way past inspired Offenbach goalkeeper.

The Offenbach goal scored at the 24th minute was the least expected by the Wihdat defence, which was a brilliant move by Rudel who was available in the right spot at the right moment to score. The equaliser was scored by Wihdat's Qandil resulting from a penalty kick which was objected by Offenbach's coach but overruled by the referee, who said that Offenbach goalkeeper tried to catch Wihdat player.

The second Wihdat goal was a spectacular shot, when at the 14th

minute of the second half, Wihdat's centre forward Omar Salameh gave a brilliant pass to Walid Khass who penetrated defence with a strike hitting Offenbach's net with the last goal of the match.

As soon as the match was over, one could hear lamentations of various nature, some would say that refereeing was biased and that the penalty against Offenbach was unexplainable.

Bernad Czech, a sports reporter for the West German newspaper "Kicker" told the Jordan Times that the penalty against Offenbach is unjustified. The reporter who is accompanying the Offenbach delegation in their visit to Jordan also said that the second Wihdat goal was scored by Khass after an offside that the referee seemed not to notice according to him. He nevertheless pointed out that the Wihdat performances were better than the one performed Saturday by the Faisali team in their match with Offenbach when they drew 1-1.

Both matches performed Saturday and Sunday were sponsored by the International Lions Clubs in Jordan. Proceeds of the two matches will be allocated to buy a mobile eye test clinic for the Jordan Eye Bank Society.

Attending the match were Mr. Ma'an Abu Nowar, Minister of Culture and Youth, members of the diplomatic corps in Amman and about 16,000 spectators.



Offenbach player (right) moves in a bid to net a goal as Wihdat player (left) tries to foil the attempt in a friendly match at the Sports City stadium Sunday. (Photo by Youssef Al 'Ailan).

Mudassar, Mohsin save Pakistan from brink of defeat

SYDNEY (R) — Opener Mudassar Nazir and Mohsin Khan put Pakistan back from the brink of another crushing defeat with a fighting second wicket stand on the third day of the four-day cricket match against New South Wales (NSW) Sunday.

Mudassar and Mohsin put on 115 as Pakistan reached 158 for one in their second innings after being forced to follow on 297 runs

behind when NSW dismissed them for 194 in the first innings Sunday morning.

New South Wales, whose massive first innings of 491 for eight declared appeared to give them a stranglehold on the match, now face a difficult task on the final day Monday to secure victory.

The tide turned with a spirited last wicket partnership of 63 between Ashraf Ali, who made 39, and Mohammad Nazir (21). It did not enable Pakistan to avoid the follow-on, but it served notice that the Australians' attack would not have things all its own way on a pitch becoming gradually slower.

By the end of the day the tourists, who lost their last two matches including an innings defeat in the first test in Perth, still trailed by 139 runs with nine second innings wickets remaining.

Injuries to former test paceman Len Piescoe and talented young all-rounder Greg Matthews severely restricted the home side's attack for the Pakistan second innings.

Piescoe bowled only five overs after the lunch before twisting his ankle and going off for treatment. Matthews tore the webbing between the spinning fingers on his right hand in an attempt at a caught and bowled chance off a powerful drive by Mohsin.

Miraculously, Matthews got enough hand behind the ball to deflect it to Murray Bennett at short mid-on for a diving catch. But Matthews spent the rest of the day in the dressing room and the injury required four stitches. He is unlikely to play again in the match.

McEnroe wins richest tennis tournament

ANTWERP, Belgium (R) — John McEnroe overwhelmed sixth-seeded Gene Mayer 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 in the final of the \$750,000 European Champions' Championship here Sunday to win the richest tournament prize in tennis.

In front of a near-capacity 15,000 crowd, McEnroe, runner-up last year to Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl, allowed fellow-American Mayer only one service break in the 125-minute match.

Second-seeded McEnroe, who unleashed nine service aces, said: "I served better than he did and put a lot of pressure on him."

"Except for the one service game I dropped, I won every game pretty easily."

McEnroe, the Wimbledon title-holder, picked up a cheque for \$200,000 — almost twice the prize of any other tennis tournament — while Mayer collected \$130,000.

Many of McEnroe's service games in the third set were limited to a serve and volleying smash from the net.

Mayer, who sent top-seeded Lendl crashing out of the tournament Saturday, said: "McEnroe's serving and volleying are

probably better than anyone who's ever played the game. He just didn't let me get into my rhythm."

After winning, McEnroe kissed the trophy — a gold tennis racket encrusted with more than 1,400 diamonds and valued at about one million dollars — which had been kept in a three-ton safe beside the court under 24-hour armed guard.

Three-times U.S. Open champion McEnroe dropped only one set in four matches here, against Mayer's brother Sandy in the quarter-finals. He said he would be back next year to defend his title.

The tournament was launched last year. Any player who wins three times in five years will be allowed to keep the trophy.

McEnroe started slightly shakily and was taken to deuce in his second and third service games before winning, once by firing two consecutive aces. He broke Mayer's serve at 5-4 to win the first set.

In the second set, McEnroe took Mayer's serve to go 2-0 up. Mayer broke back for 2-1, but McEnroe broke him again in the next game and from then on was firmly in control.

Navratilova bags 6th win over Evert Lloyd

TOKYO (R) — Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova recorded her sixth victory this year over fellow-American Chris Evert Lloyd when she won a \$200,000 women's tennis tournament here Sunday.

Navratilova romped to her 80th singles win of the year as she dismissed Lloyd 6-2, 6-2 in just 60 minutes in the final of the four-woman exhibition tournament.

The 27-year-old Czechoslovak-born Navratilova, who also landed the U.S. Open title this year, collected \$100,000 and a Japanese car in the triumph.

Navratilova's only defeat in 1983 was to compatriot Kathy Horvath in the French Open. She will leave for Jakarta on Tuesday to compete in another exhibition match on Wednesday before moving onto Melbourne for the Australian Open.

Shriver snatches tennis classic title from Turnbull

BRISBANE (R) — American Pam Shriver won the Brisbane women's tennis classic title for the second time in three years Sunday when she scored an emphatic victory over holder Wendy Turnbull of Australia.

The 6-4, 7-5 win, snatched as rain threatened to interrupt the match, avenged her defeat by Turnbull in last year's final.

It is the first time Shriver, 21, has won two big titles in the same calendar year. Last April she won a women's tournament in Atlanta.

Rain fell as the top-seeded Shriver served for the match in the 12th game of the second set. Tur-

nbull appealed to both the umpire and referee to halt play but her requests were turned down.

Afterwards the 30-year-old Turnbull stormed: "The referee should have stopped play. I don't think you can have it raining and hope that someone wins the match. It's unfair to say continue because grass gets wet quickly."

Shriver said that when the rains started she pictured herself sitting in the dressing room for hours waiting to finish the match.

When I was serving all I saw were umbrellas going up in the crowd in front of me which made it very hard to serve," she said.

West Germany beats Albania in Group 6 final

SAARBRUECKEN, West Germany (R) — West Germany scraped into the finals of the European Soccer Championship here Sunday when defender Gerd Strack snatched a late winner against Albania in their final Group 6 qualifying tie.

The reigning champions needed nothing less than victory against bottom-placed Albania to go through following their shock defeat at home to Northern Ireland on Wednesday.

And they snatched the 2-1 win just 10 minutes from time when Strack pounced to head home Bernd Forster's perfect cross.

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New trade in oil futures opens

LONDON (R) — A new kind of crude oil trading that is being greeted with scepticism by traditionalists in the oil industry opens in London Monday.

But organisers of the crude oil futures contract, to be launched on the International Petroleum Exchange (IPE), say it is part of a revolution in the oil industry that is giving the marketplace a greater say in oil-pricing decisions.

The crude contract is the first offered outside the United States. Similar contracts were launched in New York and Chicago earlier this year but are mainly aimed at the domestic U.S. market.

The IPE contract works in the same way as in the other futures markets that have been trading in the city of London for decades and cover commodities ranging from gold to potatoes.

Traders at the IPE will contract to buy or sell agreed quantities of high-quality sweet crude oil, deliverable on a specified date up to six months ahead.

Little oil will, in fact, be delivered and most deals will exist only on paper. Buyers and sellers, through their agents in the mar-

ket, will normally liquidate their contracts before a delivery date falls due.

What the contract will provide, according to the IPE, is a mechanism by which the industry can hedge against unexpected price movements in an increasingly volatile world oil market.

In a typical crude oil futures deal, a trader with contract to sell physical crude oil at a future date will buy an equal quantity of futures on the IPE. If oil prices fall in the meantime, he may lose money on the physical deal but can recoup by selling his futures contract for a profit.

The formula works in reverse for crude oil buyers and enables both sides of the oil trade to "lock in" an oil price months ahead of delivery.

Advocates of the fledgling crude futures system say it will create greater certainty in oil pricing and will allow oil suppliers to offer guaranteed rates to consumers.

Critics of the system see crude futures as a mainly speculative operation.

The industry's traditional distrust of the commodities markets,

which until recently have had little to do with oil, still exists in the top echelons of major oil companies as well as in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Both groups see more generalised trading in oil as a threat to their former tight hold on oil production and pricing.

The IPE acknowledges that speculative trading in oil, in which traders gamble on the possibility of price changes, is an integral part of the system and provides the futures market with cash liquidity.

But the IPE claims that futures trading, carried out in a formal market setting at which prices are publicly available, provides greater transparency to what has traditionally been a secretive industry.

The London exchange sees huge potential for expansion of trade in what chief executive Mr. Michael Bowers describes as "the most vulnerable and largest internationally traded commodity with an annual value in excess of \$300 billion."

Mr. Bowers, a former B.P. executive and the first oil man to run

the IPE, told Reuters earlier this year that the futures trade could bring great benefits to oil consumers once traditional prejudices had been broken down.

He said four operators, airlines and public utilities were among the types of company that could use the market to "lock in" guaranteed prices for their customers.

Some experts are more sceptical about the long-term benefits. The Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) said in an internal memorandum this year:

"For those lucky enough to buy futures before trouble in the physical market begins, futures do guarantee availability at pre-disruption prices. Once trouble begins, however, the price of futures is likely to rise rapidly in step with the price of physical oil."

Some critics are also concerned about specific terms of the London contract and see problems arising in the minority of deals where oil is actually delivered.

They also say futures dealing, particularly in the present depressed market, could lead to greater price volatility as speculators move in to take advantage of price uncertainties.

Jordan's money supply falls 0.3%

By Ibrahim Noori

Reuters

AMMAN — Jordan's narrowly-defined M-1 money supply fell 0.3 per cent in September compared with August to 881.8 million dinars (\$2.38 billion), and was 1.8 per cent higher in September last year, official figures issued Sunday showed.

M-1 comprises currency in circulation plus demand deposits at banks.

The more broadly defined M-2 aggregate, which includes time deposits, also fell 0.3 per cent in September to 1,661.3 million dinars (\$4.32 billion), and was 16.3 per cent higher than in September 1982. The Central Bank of Jordan's monthly bulletin showed.

Total assets and liabilities of the banking system fell 0.2 per cent to 2,166 billion dinars (\$5.84 billion) in September compared with August, and were 13.7 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Jordan's total gold and foreign exchange reserves fell to 687.8 million dinars (\$1.86 billion) in

September from 714.3 million dinars (\$1.93 billion) in August, compared with 652.5 million (\$1.76 billion) in September 1982.

The central bank's industrial production index fell 8.8 per cent compared with August to 145.9 (base 1979), and was 4.6 per cent higher than in September 1982.

The overall cost of living index rose 1.2 per cent in September compared with August to 121.2 (base 1980), and was 4.7 per cent higher than at end-1982.

The Amman wholesale price index in the third quarter of 1983 was 134.5 (base 1979), down 2.6 per cent from the previous quarter but about 4.7 higher than in the third quarter of 1982.

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1983

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: There can be a considerable amount of nervous tension today. Remain cheerful. Rise above whatever may test your patience. Sit back and think objectively about that troubling situation.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be careful and avoid possible accidents. Don't make any undue comments to others. Home is your best bet in the evening.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Postpone any possibly poor investments. Study your property, and see how it can be improved. Rest up tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Take control of yourself so that you can achieve all you set out to do. Remain calm, cool, and collected. Don't argue.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be objective about upsetting worries you may have. Improve your relationship. Help a devoted one.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Don't get upset or discouraged if a friend breaks a promise. Don't be larcinical at gaining your aims. Talk turns the trick.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Follow the lead of one in power, or you may lose out. Solve problems at work wisely. Relax tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be open minded, but don't commit yourself to anything as yet. Don't follow hunches; they may get you into trouble.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be kind to the one you love. Carry through with a job he or she likes. Don't argue over a large bill.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Pay little attention to fickle partners. Remain stable. Take in stride a distressing matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You will gain from showing gratitude for big favors. Avoid fellow workers who like to ridicule you. Keep busy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Amuse yourself, but don't spend too much money. Concentrate on pleasing a loved one. Take no risks on credit.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Bring harmony into your home where conditions are difficult. Put off entertaining there. Do your work precisely.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who can easily understand problems of others and how best to solve them. A lawyer, doctor, psychologist or social worker is in the making. Religion is important. Permit to participate in sports.

"The Stars Impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

Polish authorities seek way to sell food price rises

WARSAW (R) — Polish Communist Party leaders grappled Saturday with ways to convince the country to accept unpopular food price rises despite rampant inflation.

Informed sources said the issue figured prominently in discussions by the party central committee on Poland's continuing economic crisis.

Members of the committee said bluntly that the authorities' failure to boost industrial production and honour promises to end food rationing was damaging efforts to restore stability and acceptance of communist rule.

The food price rises, averaging 15 per cent but much higher for

rationed luxuries like butter and chicken, are due to take effect on Jan. 1.

They have been widely criticised by many Poles and were publicly questioned Friday by the country's powerful conference of Catholic bishops as the central committee session began.

Because of the sensitivity of the issue, the authorities have been forced to allow people to voice their disapproval through the controlled television and press.

The extraordinary efforts by the authorities to gain public acceptance of the rises through explanation and consultation seems from the fact that previous attempts to balance the nation's food

budget have caused confrontations that have shaken communist authority.

Public resentment is high because the government has not honoured a promise to lift all but meat rationing by the end of the year.

Instead, butter rationing was suddenly restored this month causing a wave of anger which prompted a government apology.

Mr. Zbigniew Bujak, underground leader of Solidarity, said Friday that the banned independent trade union would organise opposition to the increases which he said would hit the poor hardest.

"Every act of protest against these price rises is completely justified," he said.

The government hopes that the rises will help it tackle the crippling burden of subsidies on the economy, reeling from the effect of Western sanctions and huge foreign debts.

Deputy Agriculture Minister Jozef Koziol told the official PAP news agency Saturday that progress was being made towards reducing food subsidies but that they would still cost the state \$2 billion this year.

Mr. Koziol said the present proposals would still not restore market equilibrium.

Emphasising the new approach called for by the party following the turmoil of the Solidarity and

marital law years, central committee secretary Mr. Manfred Gorywada told the committee:

"Decisions must be taken more cautiously... casual communiques are not sufficient in such cases. Society must be presented with honest, rational justification that rises are necessary."

Despite the failure to achieve a rapid increase in industrial output and bring down inflation from the current level of around 30 per cent, the party leadership has emphasised at the plenum that there is no alternative to the reform package introduced in 1982.

Party spokesman told a news conference the plenum had decided to pursue the reforms more

vigorously with emphasis on increased production of food and consumer goods.

Efforts would be made to improve the quality of industrial production and to step up the fight against inflation.

The spokesmen said low productivity and Western sanctions were the main causes of the country's economic difficulties.

In order to intensify the level of consultation with the public over the proposed food price rises, questionnaires would be published in newspapers which every citizen would be able to complete and send to the authorities, they added.

Israel may buy 2m tonnes of oil from Egypt in 1984

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel hopes to buy two million tonnes of oil from Egypt in 1984, an energy ministry spokesman said Sunday.

A delegation from Israel's fuel authority was to travel to Cairo Sunday evening to negotiate the sale, which would provide 20 per cent of Israel's eight million-tonne annual requirement.

Israel bought a similar amount of oil from Egypt in 1983, paying \$24 to \$28 per barrel.

Israel purchased 45 per cent of its petroleum from Mexico this year and filled the balance of its requirements from the spot market, the spokesman said.

As part of an effort to diversify sources, the ministry signed a contract in September to purchase 500,000 tonnes of oil annually from Norway, he said.

The first shipment is due this week.

THE BETTER HALF By Harris

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NYSAP
FRACT
BUHLEM
BREMME

WHAT DID THEY ENGRAVE ON THE ROBOT'S TOMBSTONE?

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: IN

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: TRILL BOUND GOVERN ROBBER
Answer: What the locksmith made when his shop caught fire—A BOLT FOR THE DOOR

Malta, Albania sign trade protocol

VALETTA (R) — Albanian Foreign Trade Minister Shane Korie ended a two-day visit to Malta Saturday after signing a trade protocol which he said was proof of Albania's willingness to boost trade links with the Mediterranean island.

State radio said the protocol was signed late Friday by Mr. Korie and Maltese Economic Planning Minister Lino Spiteri, who said their talks had been characterised by respect in the political and trade fields.

Argentina to manufacture 20% enriched uranium by '85

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentina has mastered the technology of enriching uranium by gaseous diffusion and is building a plant to supply 20 per cent enriched uranium, the president of the National Atomic Energy Commission (CNEA) said here.

In strong concentrations, enriched uranium can be used to make an atomic bomb, but CNEA president Vice-Admiral Carlos Castro Madero stressed at a press conference Friday that Argentina had no intention of manufacturing one.

He said the CNEA had carried out successful tests in enriching natural uranium at its Pileanuel research station, 1,600 kilometres southwest of Buenos Aires.

It was now building a commercial enrichment plant there due to enter production in late

First Soviet cargo plane lands in Dubai

DUBAI (Agencies) — The first Soviet cargo plane authorised to land in Dubai last week, arrived here transporting 18 Arabian thoroughbred horses.

The horses, which were raised near Moscow, were bought by a firm here.

The Soviet airline Aeroflot, which also has landing rights in Kuwait and Abu Dhabi, is planning on opening up a regular cargo line between Moscow and Dubai, the daily newspaper Khaleej Times reported here.

While the Soviet Union has diplomatic relations only with Kuwait, it trades with the Gulf. In April, 1983, it was on a list of 84 countries exporting through the port of Dubai.

Peanuts

Mutt 'n' Jeff

Andy Capp

THE Daily Crossword by Martha J. De Witt

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WORLD

Disappeared Australian premier was a Chinese spy, book says

LONDON (R) — A row blew up Sunday over a book which alleges that former Australian Prime Minister Harold Holt spied for China, with British and Australian newspapers and officials dubbing it a hoax and its author defending his work.

The book, "The Prime Minister Was A Spy," is based on the testimony of a former Australian naval officer as recounted by author Anthony Grey. It will be published in Britain on Tuesday.

It says Mr. Holt, who led a liberal government from 1966-67, spied for the Nationalist Chinese and then communist China for almost 40 years.

Mr. Holt disappeared while swimming near Melbourne in 1967 and was believed to have drowned. But Mr. Grey says that far from drowning, he was picked up by a Chinese submarine.

Australia's attorney-general, Gareth Evans, is quoted as saying in Sunday's edition of the London Observer newspaper: "The whole tale seems to be straight out of fruitcake land."

Public figures in Australia believed the story was a spectacular hoax similar to the faked "Hitler diaries" bought by a West German magazine earlier this year, the Observer said.

Mr. Grey, a former Reuters correspondent who spent two years under house arrest in Peking during the 1960s cultural revolution, denied Sunday that he had fallen victim to a hoax.

He confirmed press reports that his source, not identified in the book, was Ronald Titcombe, a retired navy commander.

British papers quoted an Australian daily, the Melbourne Age, as saying many of the book's claims were wrong, dubious or uncheckable. People to whom Commander Titcombe claimed to have spoken denied that they had ever heard of him, it said.

Mr. Grey said of the Melbourne

Age comments Sunday: "Since the attack was published the Titcombe has again reassured me that he has reported accurately both his conversations with Chinese sources and his own researches in Australia."

"I don't regard reports in the Melbourne Age as invalidating the story," he said in a statement. The book says Holt passed on intelligence about Australia's policies and those of its allies, including the United States.

Mr. Grey says Commander Titcombe, who later became an international businessman, gleaned much of his information from high-ranking Chinese officials.

But he adds that Chinese officials, contacted by Commander Titcombe earlier this year, refused to supply any details about Mr. Holt's life in exile or whether he was still alive.

Mr. Grey says the Nationalist Chinese recruited Mr. Holt in 1929 while he was studying law at Melbourne University.

He says Mr. Holt spied for communist China in earnest from

1957 and did so intermittently right up to and including his time as prime minister between 1966 and 1967.

"Holt, therefore, can perhaps be said to have carved out for himself a unique niche as the highest-ranking spy the communist world has ever had in the West," he says.

Mr. Grey says Premier Holt, with an appetite for luxury and glamour, supplied a steady stream of cabinet papers to his controller.

According to Chinese sources, he also provided vital clues about U.S. intentions in Vietnam enabling Peking to conclude Washington would not threaten it directly in that war.

The book says Commander Titcombe unravelled the story after hearing a chance remark in Iraq in 1973 when an Arab diplomat referred to "a prominent Australian who had sought asylum in China."

In the years that followed, he had a series of meetings with Chinese who described themselves as government representatives of the People's Republic of China.

Holt's widow says story is 'poppycock'

SYDNEY (R) — The widow of former Australian Prime Minister Harold Holt, who disappeared in 1967, denied Sunday he had spied for China and said "poppycock" to a claim that he had gone to China in a submarine.

Dame Zara Baie said she did not know whether to laugh or cry over the claim in a book, "The Prime Minister Was A Spy," to be published this week.

Mr. Holt, who disappeared while swimming in the sea near Melbourne, did not drown, said the book's author, former Reuters correspondent Anthony Grey.

He was picked up by two frogmen, taken to a waiting Chinese submarine and shipped back to China, said Mr. Grey.

Dame Zara, 73, said: "It's outrageous to think that anyone would accuse Harold, who was the most honourable of men, of spying for another country."

"If I could feel that by some miracle he was picked up by a submarine I'd be delighted because it would mean he was still alive. But I'm afraid my imagination does not stretch that far."

Salvador colonel says troops killed civilians

SAN SALVADOR (R) — The commander of a Salvadoran army battalion has admitted his troops killed civilians but denied deliberate massacre in an anti-guerrilla sweep, U.S. officials said.

Col. Domingo Monterrosa, in charge of the sweep early this month by the elite U.S.-trained Atlacatl battalion, said he could not "deny the fact that civilians were killed," the officials told Reuters.

Col. Monterrosa told Reuters Saturday: "We heard gunfire coming from a hillside and we fired back. We couldn't tell whether there were children, women or men there."

Reporters who visited the village of San Nicolas on Wednesday were told by survivors and relatives that soldiers shot 20 women and children and drowned a further 30 people by driving them into a nearby lake with machine-gun fire.

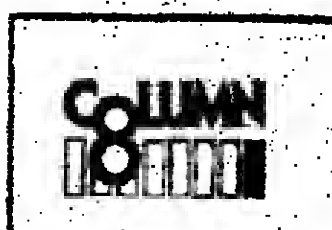
The U.S. officials, who declined

to be named, said Col. Monterrosa's statement contradicted an army statement Friday, which said the bodies discovered by reporters and those who drowned were "subversive casualties."

A U.S. embassy spokesman said U.S. officials were investigating the case but had called off a visit to San Nicolas because "the Salvadoran military told us it was hostile territory."

Foreign journalists saw about 20 decomposing corpses, attacked by vultures, in the house where the massacre is alleged to have taken place. At least three of them appeared to belong to small children.

A 10-year-old boy told reporters he escaped death by falling under his mother's body when the soldiers opened fire. The boy, Aguilino Tiravieja, said the man who ordered troops to open fire identified himself as Col. Monterrosa. Col. Monterrosa has denied he ever gave such an order.



Man kills family, commits suicide

PORTLAND, Oregon (R) — A successful businessman shot and killed his wife and their four children before turning the gun on himself as police knocked at his front door. Police said they were responding to a telephone call received Saturday from a woman who managed only to say "I've been shot," before the line went dead. They found the bodies of Robert Galloway, 52, his wife, Mary Lou, 44, and two of their four children, daughter Lori, 16, and son Larry, 12. Police found a pistol and the family dog, who had also been shot, next to Robert Galloway's body. The bodies of the other two Galloway children, Ron, 14, and James, 20, were discovered at the offices of the company owned by Mr. Galloway. Police described the case as the worst-ever murder-suicide in Portland.

U.K. golfer hits Hercules aircraft

CAMPBELTOWN, Scotland (R) — Golfer John Gallacher drove his tee shot at the ninth hole into the record books here this week, hitting a Royal Air Force Hercules transport plane. When air crew reported a dimpled dent in the fuselage after landing, the 39-year-old electrician said: "I knew it had to be me. The plane came in very low just as I lofted my tee shot." An RAF spokesman said: "It's the first time we've logged a mid-air collision with a golf ball."

American missile system reportedly in Soviet hands

LONDON (R) — A complete U.S. missile guidance system is due to be shipped from Sweden to the Soviet Union Sunday on the last leg of a smuggling journey masterminded by Soviet intelligence, a British newspaper said Saturday night. The Sunday Times said the computerized system was one of two supplied by the United States to South Africa and secretly diverted by Soviet agents. Western intelligence officials were trying to foil the plan and the U.S. State Department had appealed in vain to the Swedish government to block the shipment from Malmö, it said. Britain's Defence Ministry refused to comment on the report.

Chinese-born scientist fined

DETROIT (R) — A Chinese-born scientist at Detroit's Wayne State University has been fined \$10,000 and given a three-year suspended prison sentence for illegal exports of high-technology equipment to China. Pao-Kuang Kuo, a physics professor, was also placed on four years' probation by a federal judge after pleading guilty to sending 642 pieces of electronic components to China in early 1981 without an export license. Prof. Kuo, 48, told Reuters he committed the offence for humanitarian reasons and that as a scientist he was obliged "to give help where I can." Prof. Kuo, an American citizen, said he settled in the United States in 1954. A spokesman for Wayne State University said Kuo was highly regarded as a researcher in the field of computers and electronics.

Property of jailed mafia boss seized

REGGIO CALABRIA, Italy (R) — Police said they had applied a new anti-mafia law to confiscate property worth millions of dollars from a gangster involved in kidnapping the grandson of U.S. oil millionaire Paul Getty 10 years ago. Severio Mammoliti is currently serving 10 years in prison for crimes including drug smuggling and belonging to a criminal organization. Police said he was involved in the kidnapping of Paul Getty III, whose captors cut off one of his ears and posted it to the family to back their ransom demand.

Church-backed paper appears in Manila

MANILA (R) — A new church-backed newspaper appeared in Manila Sunday, the latest tabloid since the murder of opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

Australians could keep peace in Kampuchea

DARWIN, Australia (R) — Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke said Sunday his government would favourably consider any proposal to send an Australian peacekeeping force to Kampuchea if Vietnamese forces withdrew.

He was commenting on a statement by Malaysian Foreign Minister Tan Sri Ghazali that Australia could play an even greater

'You can't say Dallas does not love you'

DALLAS (R) — "I heard a rifle shot and I was immediately filled with apprehension," former Texas Governor John Connally recalls when asked about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy 20 years ago.

Marina Porter, then married to Lee Harvey Oswald who pulled the trigger, confesses she is confused about exactly what happened on Nov. 22, 1963.

Both survived one of America's darkest hours, but with scars.

Mr. Connally is physically afflicted by bullets fired by Oswald in the sniper attack from the Texas school book depository. Marina's scars are in the mind, carved by the bitterness and stigma suffered by an innocent victim.

Both still live in Texas. Mr. Connally as a multi-millionaire in Houston and Marina in a modest home in Rockwall County, just northeast of the Dallas city limits.

The assassination took place near the end of President Kennedy's visit to Dallas, where the previous month U.N. ambassador Adlai Stevenson had been spat upon and hit with a placard during a demonstration by right-wing extremists.

Despite fears of more protests, the motorcade was greeted by cheering crowds and Mr. Connally's wife, Nellie, turned round and exclaimed to President Kennedy: "Mr. President, you can't say Dallas doesn't love you."

Then the shots rang out.

"I turned to look over my right shoulder where a shot came from the see if I could see anything unusual, to see if I could see the president out of the corner of my eye."

Mr. Connally said in an interview with Reuters.

"I didn't. And I was turning to look over my left shoulder into the back seat and that's when I felt the impact of the bullet hit me."

Mrs. Connally remembered hearing a noise.

"I looked over my right shoulder and the president was right there, clutching his neck and just slumping down, no expression, no utterance, just slumping down," she said.

Marina, 22, Russian-born and a U.S. resident for only a year when the killing took place, was left widowed, humiliated and with two young daughters to raise.

Her husband, a Marxist, shot the president and was himself gunned down while under police escort by nightclub owner Jack Ruby two days later.

In the past she has expressed bitterness at her former husband, whom she met after he went to live in the Soviet Union for three years in 1959.

"I can never forget or forgive what he did — to me and to my children, to the president and his family, to the world," she said six years ago while promoting a book on her life.

Today she says she is less certain about Oswald's role in the assassination and is not sure whether the Warren commission was correct in concluding that he acted alone.

She describes herself today as full-time housewife to Porter, a carpenter. They married in 1965. They were divorced in the mid-1970s, but reunited soon after.



Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip (file photo)

Queen, Prince Philip begin anniversary miles apart

HYDERABAD, India (R) — Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip began their 36th wedding anniversary Sunday miles apart.

On the fourth day of a state visit to India by the British royal couple, the 62-year-old prince was spending the day at a big game park in central India viewing tigers from elephant-back.

He was due to rejoin the queen in the historic southern city of Hyderabad for a quiet evening together.

The Kanha National Park, 600 kilometres north of Hyderabad, became a centre for conserving India's endangered tiger population in 1974.

The queen, 57, was spending the morning attending a church service here and visiting a small village with a population of about 4,000.

Saturday night the queen, dressed in a long turquoise dress and wearing a brilliant necklace of aquamarines and diamonds, attended a banquet given by Andhra Pradesh State Governor Ram Lal.

The queen arrived 23 minutes late for the dinner but officials in the royal party were unable to explain why.

She sat next to the state's colourful chief minister, N.T. Rama Rao, a film star turned politician who heavily beat Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party in local elections here last January.

Almost outshining the queen, he arrived wearing bright saffron robes but had removed an ear-ring he usually wears in one ear.

Kanha National Park is a centre for the world wildlife fund's "Project Tiger" scheme to help maintain a viable population of tigers in the world in their natural environment.

The fund is headed by Prince Philip, who will attend a dinner in Delhi on Wednesday to celebrate the project's 10th anniversary.

Demoralised guerrillas in Bangladesh end fighting

DHAKA (R) — More than 200 guerrillas operating in the jungles of the Chittagong hill tracts in Southeastern Bangladesh have surrendered after the death of their leader early this month, military sources said Sunday.

They said the guerrillas, fighting a government programme to resettle people from other areas in the hill tracts, laid down their arms at five army bases.

"The death of their leader was a turning point," an army officer told reporters.

Their leader, Manabendra Larma, a 51-year-old former Member of Parliament, was killed in a clash with rival guerrillas on Nov. 11 near the Indian border.

An officer stationed in the hill tracts said the 40 guerrillas who surrendered at his base last week told him their comrades were preparing to give up as well.

He said those who surrendered would be given cash, food and land under an amnesty announced by military ruler Hossain Mohammad Ershad last month.

Larma, who led 6,000 guerrillas, demanded that nearly 10,000 settlers from the hill tracts, 13,200 sq km of rugged hills and forests, be withdrawn from the hill tracts. The settlers were moved there to increase agricultural production.

More than 5,000 rebels and troops have been killed in clashes over the last eight years. The government has said the guerrillas' morale was sagging.

Maj. Gen. Abdul Munaf, commander of the Chittagong area, said recently the number of insurgents was dwindling because they were being pushed deeper into the inaccessible jungles.

Guard foils attack on Assam chief minister

NEW DELHI (R) — A security guard foiled an attempt to assassinate the chief minister of the troubled northeast Indian state of Assam, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The news agency said the attacker, an engineering student to the state capital Gauhati, was disarmed by the guard as he levelled a revolver at Chief Minister Hiteswar Saikia Saturday.

Mr. Saikia was leaving an auditorium where Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's 66th birthday was being celebrated.

Twenty people were killed in a series of bomb explosions before and during Mrs. Gandhi's two-day visit last week to the oil-producing state bordering Bangladesh.

Last February 3,000 people died in ethnic violence during elections to the state legislature.

Survivors allege Filipino navy men fired at them

MANILA (R) — Philippines navy personnel fired on survivors who were taken aboard a patrol boat after their motor launch was shot up and badly damaged off the southern Philippines 10 days ago, according to statements by two of the four survivors.

Tawi-Tawi provincial governor Nur Jaafar said Sunday the sworn statements also challenged a claim by the navy that the stricken launch exploded after it was fired on by the patrol boat in the Sulu Sea.

He was referring to an incident on Nov. 10 in which more than 30 people died when a Philippines navy vessel fired on a launch approaching Sibutu Island, about 32 kilometres from the east Malaysian state of Sabah.

Tawi-Tawi is the main southwestern island in the Sulu Archipelago.

Mr. Jaafar said the launch's 36 passengers and crew, among them 18 women and 12 children aged from one to 15 years, were innocent traders and farmers returning to Sibutu from Sabah.

The Philippines southern command has admitted a patrol boat shot at the launch but said the vessel was sailing without lights at night and responded to a warning to halt by firing at the navy craft. It also quoted the patrol commander as saying the launch exploded after being hit by 40-mm cannon fire.

In the sworn statements shown to a reporter by Governor Jaafar, seaweed farmers Bakal Anjao and Wahab Jakaria said they were among 11 people, including four children, who managed to scramble aboard the patrol boat after the launch was raked by gunfire.

They said they were made to sit down and two seamen tried to shoot them with M-16 rifles. "Luckily the guns misfired," Anjao said, and he and three others including Jakaria jumped into the sea.

Anjao said he heard shooting aboard the naval boat after he jumped overboard and he heard bullets hitting the water.

He and Jakaria, who managed to swim ashore, also said they heard commands being given to take their launch in tow. The other two men were not seen again.

The statements were sworn before a judge on Subutu last Tuesday.

Salyut-7 crew to return after 5 months in space

MOSCOW (R) — Two Soviet cosmonauts who have spent almost five months in space are preparing to return to earth, the official daily Pravda said Sunday, assuring readers that their spacecraft had not used up its fuel reserves.

Earlier in the mission there were reports from the U.S. that Alexander Alexandrov and Vladimir Lyakhov faced problems in returning to earth. Pravda Sunday made a particular point of stating that everything was operating normally. No exact date for the return was given.

The two men were using a special suit to re-acclimate themselves to the effects of earth gravity and were transferring material to the Soyuz T-9 spacecraft which took them into orbit and which they will use to return home.

The Salyut-7 space station, in which the men have spent most of their time, would continue to orbit, Pravda said.

The most significant aspects of the cosmonauts' five-month flight were their two three-hour space walks to set up large solar batteries attached to Salyut-7 and the docking of Cosmos-1443, a new, two-part unmanned ship, Pravda said.

A launchpad accident, reported by U.S. intelligence sources, apparently prevented a three-man crew joining Lyakhov and Alexandrov either on a temporary basis or as a replacement.

There was some speculation amongst Western analysts that power shortages had necessitated the two extended space walks to mount the solar panels delivered to the space station by an unmanned supply ship.

The Soviet Academy of Sciences denied that there was any problem with the mission and the spacewalks were reported as a pre-planned part of the mission. Details of a mission are not announced in advance.

Official reports have stressed the work done by the cosmonauts on testing techniques for building large semi-permanent space complexes.

Pravda said one of the most important experiments carried out over the past few days involved biochemical research to isolate an influenza virus which will be used to help prepare vaccine.

GOREN BRIDGE

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DRAWING TRUMPS THE HARD WAY

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass
6 ♥ Dblc Pass Pass
Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♣.

Some players at the bridge club never learn. No matter how many times Trump Coup Tommy brings home seemingly impossible contracts, when trumps break badly, they insist on doubling him every time they hold a trump stack. They can't fathom why, at moments of great adversity, Tommy becomes a technical genius. This was the latest example.

For once, Tommy's bidding was heartily endorsed by everyone who was kibitzing. Those who could see the West hand winced noticeably when that worthy elected to double on the strength of his five trumps to the king. They

felt that a concession of the contract would have been better advised.

Tommy needed no clue other than the double to find the winning line. When dummy came down, he decided that West had to have all five missing trumps for his double. The play became a matter of routine.

Tommy won the first trick in dummy and immediately ruffed a club. He crossed to the king of spades and ruffed another club. There followed the ace-king of diamonds and the ace of spades, on which dummy's fourth club was discarded. West was now down to five trumps and the queen of clubs.

Declarer led a spade, and West sluffed his club, still confident that he was going to score two trump tricks. He soon found out differently. Tommy ruffed a spade in dummy and ruffed a club with the ace of hearts as West undertruffed helplessly and led another spade.

West realized that he could not afford to ruff high, so he trumped with the five. Dummy overtruffed with the six. The last club was led, and declarer ruffed with the jack. West overtruffed with the king, but he was trapped. His last two cards were the 9-7 of trumps, while dummy sat over him with the Q-8. No matter which trump he chose to return, the remaining tricks were won on the table, and the slam was home.